# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3767
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Captive Bears
Muddahanumegowda Shri S.P.

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has an authentic data regarding the number of captive bears in the country, and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the abuse and exploitation of the captive bears that are made to dance in the streets; and
(c) if so, the measures taken by the Government to stop the exploitation of these captive bears?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)According to inventory of animals available with the Central Zoo Authority as on 31.03.2015, total number of various species of bears, in captivity, in the country is 643. Species-wise details of captive bears in the country are given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c) Yes Sir, the Government has taken cognizance of the abuse and exploitation of captive bears that are made to dance in the streets. The Government of India had banned the exhibition, training as performing animals vide notification dated 14.10.1998. Such bears are rescued and rehabilitated at recognized rescue centres for their lifetime care.

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